"YOU THREE. THE BASEMENT. *NOW!*"

I TOLD ALL OF YOU TO STAY HERE! PREN--
DON'T BLAME HER. I ASKED HER TO GO.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND. HOW COULD ANYONE GET IN? THE SHIELD IS STILL WORKING?

FIREBRAND

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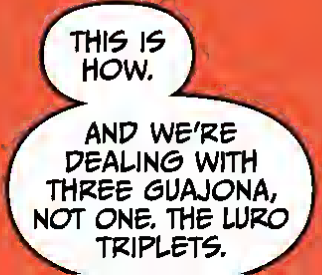


THAT WAS ONE OF THREE NOTORIOUS SOUL-SUCKERS? I THOUGHT THEY PREFERRED THE SWAMPS IN NEW ORLEANS.
NOT ANYMORE.
TWINS NOW. I KILLED ONE OF THEM IN THE UNDERGROUND CITY.

AND SELENA THINKS I'M SARCASTIC...

CLEAN UP THE MESS.
WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH THE IMP?
IF THE APPRENTICE IS *SO SMART*, LET *HER* FIGURE IT OUT.
DON'T LET SELENA GET TO YOU.

A LITTLE LATE FOR THAT, ISN'T IT LUKEN? SHE GOT TO ME A LONG TIME AGO. NOT SURE I WAS BETTER OFF FOR IT.
PEE YEW!
THE DEAD IMP IS STARTING TO SMELL UP THE PLACE. WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH HIM?
I'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM...
NOT AGAIN! LUKEN, WE BETTER GET OUT OF HERE. THE ALL-POWERFUL APPRENTICE ONLY HAS ONE SETTING. MASS DESTRUCTION!

UNDERGROUND CITY.

BIDANE, IS THAT WHAT I THINK IT IS?
YOUR PROOF. THE IMP'S HEART.
HE SQUEALED LIKE A WILD BOAR, BUT TASTED LIKE A LONG DRINK OF HONEY. WHERE'S AMARANDE?

NOT BACK.
I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS, TXIKI.
WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU TWO SAW HER?
I'M SURE SHE'LL BE BACK SOON. I'M HAPPY TO TAKE CARE OF YOU UNTIL SHE RETURNS.
AS MUCH AS

I APPRECIATE THE THOUGHT, YOUR SISTER POSSESSES CERTAIN TALENTS THAT YOU AND ERLEA DO NOT.

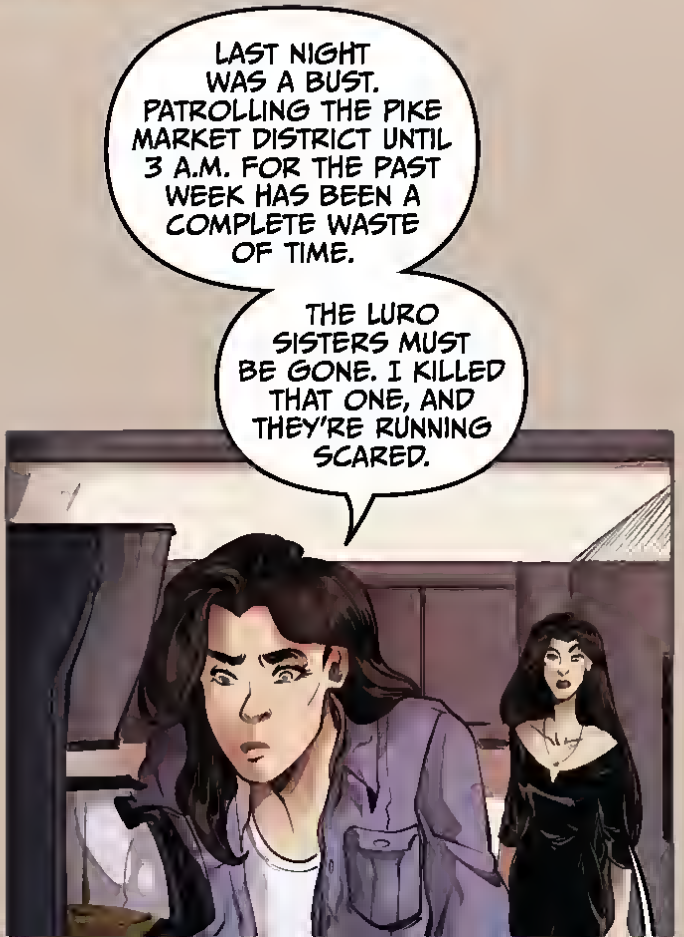
IF ANYTHING WERE TO HAPPEN TO HER, THE ONE RESPONSIBLE WOULD PAY WITH THEIR LIFE...

ONE WEEK LATER...
SORRY. DIDN'T KNOW THE FACILITIES WERE

IN USE.
I'M DONE. IT'S ALL YOURS.
THANKS. SEE YOU DOWNSTAIRS?

YEAH. I NEED COFFEE.
I'LL MAKE IT. JUST GIVE ME A MINUTE.
IT'S COOL. I GOT IT.

LATER...


LAST NIGHT WAS A BUST. PATROLLING THE PIKE MARKET DISTRICT UNTIL 3 A.M. FOR THE PAST WEEK HAS BEEN A COMPLETE WASTE OF TIME.
THE LURO SISTERS MUST BE GONE. I KILLED THAT ONE, AND THEY'RE RUNNING SCARED.

YOU SOUND VERY SURE OF YOURSELF, IKUZI APPRENTICE.
WHY IS IT EVERYTHING SELENA SAYS SOUNDS LIKE A DIG?
THAT'S FOR LUKEN.
YES, I HEARD. SPEAKING OF...
...IF LIVING HERE WITH LUKEN IS TOO MUCH TEMPTATION THEN HE'LL HAVE TO FIND SOMEWHERE ELSE TO LIVE.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

I SEE THE WAY YOU TWO LOOK AT EACH OTHER. HE'S HUMAN, NATALI. YOU, OF ALL PEOPLE, SHOULD UNDERSTAND THE CONSEQUENCES OF FALLING FOR A MORTAL.
NOT TO MENTION, YOU'RE IKUZI. RELATIONSHIPS NEVER WORK.
YOU AND UNCLE MARCO SEEM TO BE WORKING JUST FINE.
THIS ISN'T ABOUT YOUR UNCLE AND ME. DOES LUKEN NEED TO MOVE ON CAMPUS?
NO! THERE IS NOTHING BETWEEN LUKEN AND ME. NOT LIKE THAT.
GOOD. KEEP IT THAT

DECEPTION MAY SEEM LIKE A DIRTY TRICK, BUT IN WAR, NOBODY EVER SAID YOU HAD TO FIGHT FAIR.

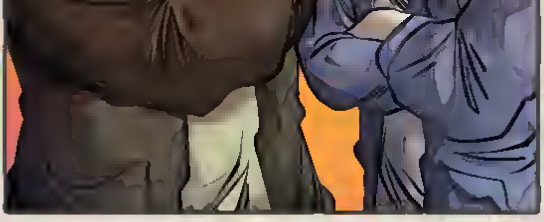
THE WORD YOU'RE LOOKING FOR IS "THANK YOU".

FOR WHAT?

FOR GETTING YOU PRE-REGISTERED. ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS TAKE THESE TO THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE.

SELENA, WHAT IS SHE TALKING ABOUT?

YOU NEED A COVER.
COME ON. IT'LL BE FUN.
COLLEGE ISN'T A COVER. IT'LL BE A DISASTER. WHAT AM I GOING TO STUDY? I HAVEN'T TAKEN A MATH CLASS SINCE I WAS 8!
POLI SCI. FIGURED YOU'D BE A NATURAL. AND MARY CAN HELP YOU NAVIGATE. IT'S HER MAJOR TOO. SHE'S DYING TO SHOW YOU AROUND.



THIS DAY JUST GETS BETTER AND BETTER.

YOU READY FOR SCHOOL, PREN? I'LL DROP YOU OFF.

YEAH. OH, FORGOT TO TELL YOU, AFTER SCHOOL I'M GOING TO A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR FELICITY. OFFICER JAMES OFFERED TO BRING ME HOME.

WONDERFUL, ALL WE NEED IS ANOTHER VISIT FROM THE POLICE.

NATALI, MAKE SURE YOU'RE BACK HERE BY 3. NO LATER. WE'RE GOING TO WORK ON FINE-TUNING THOSE POWERS OF YOURS.
MY POWERS DON'T NEED FINE-TUNING.
HAVING BEEN BOTH KNOCKED OUT AND BLASTED INTO A CONCRETE WALL BY THEM, I HAVE TO CONCUR WITH SELENA ON THIS

ONE.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING, IZEBA?
I HAVE SOME RESEARCH TO DO. HOME BY 3. I MEAN IT!

TXIKI'S BEDROOM.
UNDERGROUND SORGIN CITY.

HOW IS SHE?
I DON'T KNOW.
I NEED TO FEED. ERLEA HAS TAKEN THEM ALL. KAKA ZAHARRA! WHAT A MESS, TOO.

A MESS IT IS...ONE YOU WILL DISPOSE OF IT BEFORE YOU GO.
GO? WE CAN'T GO. AMARANDE IS...YOU KNOW HOW SHE IS.
YOU CAN NO LONGER USE THIS PLACE AS A REFUGE. THE BODY COUNT IS

WHAT DO I DO WITH HER? HER LUNCH HAD JUST SHOT UP. SHE'LL BE IN HER HAPPY WASTELAND FOR DAYS.
I DON'T GIVE A DAMN. YOUR APPETITES ARE DRAWING TOO MUCH ATTENTION. I CAN'T AFFORD A VISIT FROM THE BOSS UNTIL THE ARMIES ARE READY.

ASKED US TO COME HERE. WE ARE FIGHTING ON THE SAME SIDE.
I MADE A MISTAKE. I MEAN IT...GET OUT!

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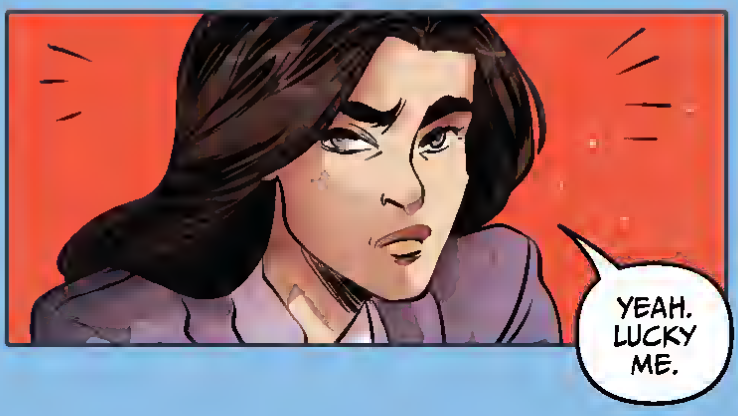
"MARY AND I WILL INTRODUCE YOU TO THE DEAN SINCE YOU'RE LOOKING SO NERVOUS."



IF I HAVE TO SEE LUKEN'S ARM AROUND MARY FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE, ONE OF US IS GOING TO DIE. AND IT WON'T BE ME!

ARGH--I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE. THEY SHOULD JUST GET A ROOM!

THAT'S **ONE WAY** TO GET THEM TO TAKE THEIR HANDS OFF OF EACH OTHER!

To Be Continued...

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